

Good afternoon,

The Office of the Public Defender has received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request. You have requested the information below; please see my responses in red under each item.

1) Policy on explaining all court procedures to defendants and how your office provides proof that your client understands the procedures.

To the extent that this is a request for a record, the record you are requesting does not exist.

2) Policy regarding a defendants request for your office to file motions on their behalf?

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3) Your offices policy on providing their clients copies of their PSA score and reviewing it with them fully to make sure they're accurate.

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4) How many motions are normally filed by your office on behalf of a defendant in a case that has been pending for over a year?

This is not a request for a written record.

5) How does your office accommodate clients with disabilities such as learning disabilities and ADHD?

This is not a request for a written record.

6) How does your office communicate with court personnel regarding a client's disability?

This is not a request for a written record.

7) How does your office advocate for your clients disability?

This is not a request for a written record.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Office of the Public Defender to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council ("GRC") by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The Council can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Best,

Alison Perrone
OPD Records Custodian